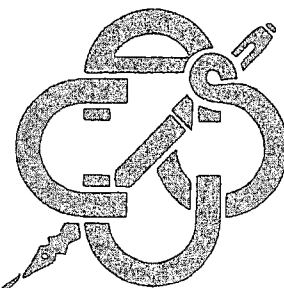


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## **CONCORDIA UNIVERSITY STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION**

### **INFORMAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS HELD ON WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 1991 AT 6:30 P.M. IN H-769, SIR GEORGE WILLIAMS CAMPUS**

#### **1. CALL TO ORDER**

Chairperson, Jarno Makkonen, could not attend the meeting and arrangements for a Chairperson had not been made. Volunteers from the floor were sought and S. Letovsky volunteered to be Chairperson.

#### **MOVE TO APPOINT S. LETOVSKY CHAIRPERSON**

Moved by: M. Spowart

Seconded by: N. Kaminaris

#### **VOTE ON MOTION**

**UNANIMOUS**

Chairperson, S. Letovsky, called this meeting to order at 6:50 p.m. even though quorum wasn't yet attained. He also said that this meeting would resume unofficially until quorum is achieved.

#### **2. ROLL CALL**

##### **PRESENT**

##### **COMMERCE**

Thomas Dowd  
Jimmy Elenakis  
Jennifer Kalman  
Nick Kaminaris  
Kerry Schacter  
Marc Tisseur

##### **ARTS AND SCIENCE**

Sophie Desjardins  
Hernani Farias (7:00 p.m.)  
Jamie Ross  
Michael Spowart

##### **ENGINEERING**

Kieran Hackett  
Frank Pathyil  
Dave Dichmann

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**ABSENT**

**Arts and Science:** Eleanor Brown (w/r), Charlene Nero (w/r), J. D. Tran, Kathy Fretz, Christine Legault, Heidi Modro, Victoria Rodriguez, Etoile Stewart (w/r), Phil Toone (w/r), Esther Vise (w/r)  
**Commerce:** Robin Chabot, Esmeralda Florio, Jennifer Kalman (w/r)  
**Fine Arts:** Cathy Balsitis, Kellie Coppin

**3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Agenda of the Special Meeting of the Board of Directors Be Approved.**

Moved by: F. Pathyil  
Seconded by: N. Kaminaris

The Chair informed the directors that two amendments have been submitted to him, those being moving item 4.6 to 4.2 and adding 4.2.3: CUSA By-elections and that everything beyond that would be moved down.

**VOTE ON MOTION TO AMEND THE AGENDA**

**UNANIMOUS**

**VOTE ON MOTION**

**UNANIMOUS**

**4. BUSINESS**

**4.1 Engineering Representatives on B.O.D. Committees**

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT Representatives from the faculty of Engineering and Computer Science be appointed to sit on the subcommittees of the Board, ie., Steering Committee, Finance Committee, CUSAcorp Board etc.**

Moved by: F. Pathyil  
Seconded by: N. Kaminaris

M. Spowart asked for specifications on which sub-committees of the Board. F. Pathyil said that his main concern was to sit on the Steering Committee, Finance Committee and the CUSAcorp Board.

H. Farias raised objections to having S. Letovsky being Chairperson. S. Letovsky replied that if H. Farias has anyone in mind for Chairperson he will step down.

After a lengthy discussion, J. Brown replaced S. Letovsky as Chairperson.

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**MOVE TO APPOINT J. BROWN CHAIRPERSON**

Moved by: F. Pathyil  
Seconded by: N. Kaminaris

**VOTE ON MOTION**

**UNANIMOUS**

The Chair informed the directors that the meeting would resume with discussion on item 4.1.

F. Pathyil said that as long as the administration does not recognize the Engineering association as a viable body, then proper representation on the CUSA sub-committees of the Board of Directors should be included.

M. Spowart asked to know how this motion affects previous motions whereby the committee number of seats have been established. N. Kaminaris replied that it was clearly stated in previous meetings that once the Engineering representatives were recruited, apart from the CUSAcop Board, all the committees had made space for an additional seat.

**MOTION TO AMEND**

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Representatives from the faculty of Engineering and Computer Science be appointed to sit on the subcommittees of the Board, ie., Steering Committee, Finance Committee, CUSAcop Board.

Moved by: F. Pathyil  
Seconded by: N. Kaminaris

H. Farias said that there are no numbers established for the Finance Committee and Steering Committee and there are no numbers in regards to who sits on these committees. He also said that in the past they have been regarded as open committees and that in order to appoint an individual on the CUSAcop Board, a specific motion would have to be brought forth.

**MOTION TO AMEND**

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Representatives from the faculty of Engineering and Computer Science be appointed to sit on the subcommittees of the Board, ie., Steering Committee and Finance Committee, and;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** F. Pathyil, from the faculty of Engineering and Computer Science, be appointed to sit on the CUSAcop Board, therefore expanding the number to six members on the CUSAcop Board.

Moved by: H. Farias  
Seconded by: F. Pathyil

(Time: 7:15 p.m.)

The Chair pointed out that quorum has not been reached and that the half hour has exceeded.

**MOVE TO EXTEND UNTIL 8:00 P.M.**

Moved by: M. Tisseur  
Seconded by: F. Pathyil

**VOTE ON MOTION TO EXTEND UNTIL 8:00 P.M. UNANIMOUS**

H. Farias said that the motions that get passed tonight will have to be re-approved at the next meeting.

**VOTE ON MOTION UNANIMOUS**

#### **4.2 Executive Board**

**Be It Resolved That an Executive Board be formed having \_\_\_\_\_ seats.**

**Be It Further Resolved That quorum for meetings shall be \_\_\_\_\_ Directors including a Co-President.**

**Be It Further Resolved That the Executive Board shall have all the powers of the Board of Directors between Board of Directors meetings. However they shall not be allowed to make amendments to the Constitution nor impeach individuals.**

**Be It Further Resolved That any decisions made by the Executive Board shall be ratified at the following Board of Directors meeting.**

**Be It Further Resolved That \_\_\_\_\_ be named to the Executive Board.**

Moved By: F. Pathyil  
Seconded by: N. Kaminaris

N. Kaminaris said that one of the problems with CUSA is that too much power rests with the Co-Presidents and that important decisions are often made by the Co-Presidents in between Board of Directors meetings. He also said that an executive sub-committee of the Board could make decisions in between meetings and a greater number of people would be involved. N. Kaminaris further added that any decisions reached by this committee would come back

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to the Board of Directors for approval.

**MOTION TO AMEND**

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Co-Presidents cannot make decisions using the full powers of the CUSA Board of Directors between meetings, without having first held an Executive Board meeting to ratify such a decision. All such ratifications made by the Executive Board must be ratified by the CUSA Board of Directors at its next regular meeting or such ratifications will automatically be declared as null and void and will bear no obligations whatsoever upon CUSA employees, the CUSA Board of Directors, CUSA Executives, and the Association.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** the Executive Board shall be composed of the following CUSA directors:

- two (2) directors from the Faculty of Arts & Science
- one (1) director from the Faculty of Commerce & Administration
- one (1) Director from the Faculty of Engineering and Computer Science
- one (1) Director from the Faculty of Fine Arts

These directors shall be the voting members of the Executive Board.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** the Chairperson of the CUSA Board shall also serve as the Chair of the Executive Board and shall be a non-voting member of the Executive Board. He/she shall call a meeting of the Executive Board no later than 48 hours of receiving a request for such a meeting from a Co-President or any two directors of the Executive Board.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** quorum for Executive Board meetings shall be 50% + 1 of all sitting voting members of the Executive Board.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** the Executive Board shall present to the CUSA B.O.D., for approval, no later than its November regular meeting, a policy which will detail the powers, restrictions and responsibilities of the Executive Board. This motion shall serve as the basis for the composition of such a policy.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** members of the CUSA Board of Directors that are not members of the Executive Board shall have speaking rights at all Executive Board meetings, including closed meetings.

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**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT \_\_\_\_\_ be named to the Executive Board.**

Moved by: N. Kaminaris

Seconded by: F. Pathyil

J. Ross said that he fears that this motion will tie the arms of the Co-Presidents and that it will be difficult for them to run the everyday affairs of the office.

K. Hackett said that in order for the Executive Board to run efficiently and legally, basically one director should be appointed to the Executive Board so that the everyday affairs are fulfilled. He also said that other limitations can be added on to protect the association.

H. Farias said this motion is not a by-law and will require a 2/3 vote. He also said that the Co-Presidents are not using the authority of the Executive Board and are using the authority of the Constitution in between Board of Directors meetings. Hernani expressed concern with the committee having an even number of members and quorum being only 50% + 1. He also said that he doesn't see the need in having six Co-Presidents.

N. Kaminaris said that there are only five members on this committee. H. Farias replied that without a Co-President, one cannot have an Executive Board. N. Kaminaris said that there is nothing stopping the Co-Presidents from calling an Executive Board meeting. He also said that the Co-Presidents should be administrative people and that this motion allows them to go ahead and approve emergency cases.

H. Farias said that he does not comprehend the amendments in light of article 6.1.1.c) that states that the Co-Presidents have the right to vote at these Executive meetings and that they can't be excluded from this committee.

#### **MOTION TO AMEND**

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Executive Board shall be composed of the following CUSA directors:**

- two (2) directors from the Faculty of Arts & Science
- one (1) director from the Faculty of Commerce & Administration
- one (1) Director from the Faculty of Engineering and Computer Science
- one (1) rotating Co-President

**These directors shall be the voting members of the Executive Board.**

Moved by: H. Farias

Seconded by: J. Ross

J. Ross said that it is not practical to have such a large committee and that the legal requirement of having a committee composed of three members is more practical.

**MOTION TO AMEND**

He/she shall call a meeting of the Executive Board no later than two working days of receiving a request for such a meeting from a Co-President or any two directors of the Executive Board and that this executive meeting must take place within two working days.

Moved by: M. Spowart  
Seconded by: F. Pathyil

H. Farias asked to know what happens in between now and November when no policy exists. N. Kaminaris said that the Executive Board will establish its own regulations and will come forth to a meeting in November with a policy.

**MOTION TO AMEND**

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** quorum for Executive Board meetings shall be four (4) members of all sitting voting members of the Executive Board.

Moved by: H. Farias  
Seconded by: F. Pathyil

H. Farias suggested a 2/3 quorum as a precautionary measure against abuse of the system.

**MOTION TO AMEND**

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** the spending limit per transaction without the approval of the Board of Directors be limited to \$10,000 for the Co-Presidents and \$30,000 for the Executive Committee.

Moved by: H. Farias  
Seconded by: N. Kaminaris

**AMENDED MOTION**

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT any decisions made by the Executive Board shall be ratified at the following Board of Directors meeting.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT \_\_\_\_\_ be named to the Executive Board.

F. Pathyil suggested that members be appointed at the next scheduled meeting of the Board of Directors.

F. Pathyil suggested striking "no later than its November regular meeting" from the motion since this motion stipulates policy. There were no objections from the directors.

VOTE ON AMENDED MOTION

11/2/0

CARRIED

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Motion

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Executive Board shall present to the CUSA B.O.D., for approval, no later than its second October regular meeting, a policy which will detail the powers, restrictions and responsibilities of the Executive Board. This motion shall serve as the basis for the composition of such a policy.

Moved by: F. Pathyil  
Seconded by: N. Kaminaris

VOTE ON MOTION

10/3/0

CARRIED

The Chair asked to know who would write the policy. K. Schacter said that there are too many people absent and suggested tabling this issue until the next meeting. There were no objections from the directors.

6. ADJOURNMENT

This meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

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J. Brown, Chairperson

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K. Fraser, Secretary